STARRED QUESTIONS.

(to which oral answers were given).

Mr. SPEAKER (Sri V. Venkatappa).—Questions. Janab Mahomed Imam.

Economy Officer's Report.

*Q.—12. **Mushir-ul-Mulk J. MAHOMED IMAM** (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that Sri B. S. Raghavendra Rao submitted a report to Government regarding the financial position of the State;

(*b*) whether they have taken steps to implement his recommendations;

(*c*) whether they will be pleased to lay his report on the table?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) They are taking steps.

(*c*) No yet.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Sir, may I know when this report... .....

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I would suggest, if there is no objection, that Questions Nos. 12 and 94 may be taken up together to save time. The other question is in page 3 of the list of questions and answers. It is left to the Hon'ble Member to accept the position. That is the same question as the one now put by the Hon'ble Member.

(*Janab Mahomed Imam had no objection.*)

Economy Officer's Report.

*Q.—94. **Sri C. R. BASAPPA** (Tumkur District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Economy Officer has submitted any report to the Government so far;

(*b*) if the report has been submitted, when;

(*c*) the action so far taken by them to implement any of the recommendations;

(*d*) whether they have effected any reduction in the expenditure of the general administration?

A.—**Sri H. C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) April 1949.

(*c*) Action is being taken.

(*d*) Yes.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—May I know when this report was submitted to the Government?

***Sri H. C. DASAPPA.**—In April 1949.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Since then, on how many of his recommendations the Government have taken action?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Cannot say the exact number. In a number of departments action has been taken.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Will the Hon'ble Minister tell us some of the outstanding retrenchments he has effected in pursuance of the recommendations in the report?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It would take some time to give the information. The Budget will disclose it.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—As a result of having taken steps on this report, may I know how much amount has been saved to the Government?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I want notice of that.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Can I take it that a substantial amount has been saved as a result of the retrenchments effected in pursuance of the recommendations in the report?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Retrenchment is in the course of being effected. It is not an affair which could be done overnight. It takes some time. Over a period, it is likely to be substantial.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—It is nearly one year since he submitted his report. During this period was it not possible to implement all his recommendations?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Obviously not.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Have all the recommendations of this officer been accepted by the Government?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—As I have already stated, the answer is there. They are taking steps. That is sufficient answer to the question.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Of course they are taking steps. But what I want to know is the particular branches

in which the Government have already taken steps.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is not clear.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—What are the difficulties of the Government to place this report on the table of the House?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There are no difficulties. It is only a question of desirability, and the Government do not think it desirable to place the report before the House at this stage. It is generally not done,

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Is it not a fact that during the last session or the session previous to that, the Government promised to lay this report on the table of the House?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Not that I remember.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Will the Honourable Minister take the members of this House into confidence and place the report on the table?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is a matter for opinion. As I said, Government do not consider it desirable to place the report before the House at this stage. It may be done some time later. It does not mean that the Government have come to a decision.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—I put a definite question. Will it be placed on the table or not?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I have already said that Government have not come to a decision on that point.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—How long will it take for them to come to a decision?

(No answer.)

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Is the report of such a confidential nature that it cannot be placed before the House in the interest of the public?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The Hon'ble Member is at perfect liberty to draw his own conclusion.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Is it not a fact that the members of this House should know the financial position of the State? Are they not entitled to know that?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—They have got only to wait for a few days more to know the financial position of the State.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Tumkur District—General).—With reference to answer to clause (*c*) of the question, shall we take it that the Government will be pleased to lay the report on the table some day?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The Honourable Member might take it.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I want a definite answer.

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That has been answered already.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Have the Government accepted the recommendations of the Economy Officer?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That again has been answered. Some of the recommendations have been accepted, others are in the course of examination and so on.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The answer says: "They are taking steps". Have they been actually implemented to some extent at least?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes, in some departments.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—In what departments?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—In various departments. In fact that is being kept constantly in view. In almost all departments the recommendations are being considered and as far as possible implemented.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Have the Government examined the recommendations completely?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Not every bit.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—For one year the report was before them?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is not a question of a year. It is a question of implementing as and when occasion arises.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—My question was not about implementing the recommendations. It was: have they examined the recommendations *in toto*?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I cannot say that they have examined the recommendations *in toto*. But they are under examination.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—By piecemeal?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Piecemeal, *in toto*, ...

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗೋವಿಂದರೆಡ್ಡಿಯವರು (ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ಈ ವರದಿಯ ಫಲವಾಗಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಇಲಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is not a question of abolition as I can remember. There have been mergers, amalgamations and so on.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗೋವಿಂದರೆಡ್ಡಿಯವರು.—ಈ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಇಲಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ಪದಾ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸಲಹೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗೋವಿಂದರೆಡ್ಡಿಯವರು.—ಗೆಜೆಟೆಡ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖೋತಾ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸೂಚಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—A number of recommendations.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗೋವಿಂದರೆಡ್ಡಿಯವರು.—ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಖೋತಾ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗೋವಿಂದರೆಡ್ಡಿಯವರು.—ಎಷ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಖೋತಾ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That question has already been answered.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗೋವಿಂದರೆಡ್ಡಿಯವರು.—ನಾಲ್ಕೆಗೆಜೆಟೆಡ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಖೋತಾ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸಲಹೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ ?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗೋವಿಂದರೆಡ್ಡಿಯವರು.—ಅವು ಯಾವುವು?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Same answer as before.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—What is the total amount of saving that is expected if the recommendations are fully carried out with regard to retrenchment?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Mysore District—General).—Has the Economy Officer recommended any fresh taxation in order to improve the finances of the State?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There have been some recommendations.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What are those items of taxation which have been recommended?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Same answer as to the other question (*c*). Sir, I wish to point out one thing. My Hon'ble friends shall not get an answer from my mouth to what has been covered in the report, because of the decision not being taken by Government to place the report on the table of this House. So, what I submit is that it is not correct or fair for them to ask through supplementaries the same question over again in a different form.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I am not repeating the question) Mr. Speaker. I crave your indulgence. I am putting a straight question. Has the Economy Officer made any recommendations for fresh taxation with a view to improving the finances of the State?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That has been answered.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That question has not been put by anybody at all.

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That question I answered by saying 'yes', and when he put the further question 'what are the items of taxation', I said that that was a matter which was covered by the report and the Hon'ble Member shall not get from my mouth what has been covered by the report which is yet in a confidential stage.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Is it a public document or a private document?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is private. It cannot be public.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Is it private or confidential?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is confidential.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I would like to know if the stoppage of food subsidies is also one of the recommendations made by the Economy Officer?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I cannot answer that for the same reason that I have already placed before the House.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Have the Government made any appointments carrying a salary of over one thousand rupees after his recommendations are received?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That does not arise.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Has he recommended the prevention of leakages also?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Same answer as before.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು (ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ಈ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿಸಲು ಈ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕಾಲ ಹಿಡಿಯಿತು ?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice. It may be about a year.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಈ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಿ ಕಳುಹಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಖರ್ಚಾಯಿತು?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice. Very little after all.

Janab MAHOMED VALIULLA (Kolar-Muslim).—Government just now stated that there are some recommendations which have not been implemented. Are there any recommendations among them which they have thought not fit for consideration?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There is an element of insinuation in that question which I, at any rate, would like not to answer.

Janab MAHOMED VALIULLA.—Have they considered the report fully?

Mr. SPEAKER.—They have not fully considered the report. That was the answer already given.

Janab MAHOMED VALIULLA.—So far as they have considered it, are there recommendations which do not deserve implementation by the Government?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It stands to reason that when there is a report of the Economy Officer or a report of the Retrenchment Committee, there may be certain matters which are not acceptable to Government. But it does not mean that any aspersion should be cast that there is nothing worthwhile made either by the Officer or by the Retrenchment Committee. It is a question of necessities, exigencies and circumstances and whatever is possible will be implemented.

Janab MAHOMED VALIULLA.—There was no aspersion in my question at all. It is a matter of explanation. My question was, 'what are those things which the Honourable Minister thinks as not worthwhile giving effect to'?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—No answer.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Shimoga District—General).—Is it a fact that in pursuance of the Economy Officer's report Government intend to reduce the number of districts from 9 to 6 and taluks from 92 to 75?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—No answer to such a question. It is purely hypothetical.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Is there any intention?

Sri H.C. DASAPPA.—Supplementary questions shall not be availed of to disclose the intentions of anybody.

Sri S. RANGARAMIAH (Mysore District—General).—Before taking steps to implement his recommendations, were the respective departments consulted?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes, they are being consulted at every stage.

Sri S. RANGARAMIAH.—Were the opinions of the Departments at variance with the recommendations or did they concur with the recommendations?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—No answer. Opinions of the Departments are generally not disclosed.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Chitaldrug District—General).—Did not the Economy Officer propose any curtailment of the capital expenditure for the coming year?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That again, Sir, is another form of the question put by my friend Sri H. M. Channabasappa. Hon'ble Members are trying to elicit the recommendations in the Economy Officer's report which Government do not deem desirable at this stage to place before the House.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—I am not asking any details of the report. I want to know only whether he has proposed any curtailment merely in the establishment or in the capital expenditure also. If even that is not to be asked, what is the object of putting a question about that?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Recommendations cover all items of expenditure. So the Hon'ble Member may take it that his proposals cover also capital expenditure.

ರಾಜಮಂತ್ರಪ್ರವೀಣ ಎಚ್. ಬಿ. ಗುಂಡಪ್ಪಗೌಡರು (ಹಾಸನ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ಈ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು confidential ಆಗಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸಗಳವರೆಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಉದ್ದೇಶ?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is again hypothetical. Government are considering the recommendations and as soon as they feel that it is desirable to place the report before this House, they will be quite glad to do so. But the time has not yet come.

Sri H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Are the Government aware that previously,

the retrenchment committee reports were made available to the public?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I am not aware.

Sri H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Is it not the intention of Government to see that decisions are taken immediately on the report to avoid such criticisms here?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—As early as possible.

Sri A. G. BANDI GOWDA (Mandya District—General).—As a result of this report it is said that quite a number of peons were sent out of office. Is it a fact, Sir; (*Laughter*) and if so, how many peons were sent out?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—No such thing has happened. I wonder where my friend got such a piece of information.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಲ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪನವರು (ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ಎಕಾನಮಿ ಆಫೀಸರು ಮಾಡಿರತಕ್ಕ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆಜ್ಞೆಗಳು ಏನಾದರೂ ಆಗಿವೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಆಗಿವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಲ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಹಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಬಾಬುಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆಜ್ಞೆಗಳು ಆಗಿವೆ? ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟೆಷ್ಟು ಪೊಬಲಗು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೆ ಉಳಿತಾಯ ವಾಗಿದೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಆಗಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಲ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪನವರು.—94ನೆಯ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯ (c) ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ "the action so far taken by them to implement any of the recommendations" ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಕೇಳಿದೆ. ಏನಾದರೂ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆಯೇ?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Action has been taken.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—It is not a question whether any action has been taken. I want to know the particular action taken by Government so far. My submission is that Question No. 94 is a definite question and a definite answer has got to be furnished by Government.

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I have already answered that Hon'ble Members have only to wait for a few days and the Budget that is going to be presented will disclose the information they want now.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—My question is whether Government have passed any orders by now. If orders have been passed then it is a public document and there is no reason why it should not be disclosed.

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—If Government orders have been passed they are public and they may not have been passed in the form that such and such a recommendation of the Economy Officer has been accepted. Retrenchments are there.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—If they are there, then where is any objection to furnish them to this House?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—In respect of such of those Government Orders as have been passed, I would like to have notice, to give all the figures that my Hon'ble friend wants.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—There is already a definite question calling for information on those points and I do not think the Hon'ble Minister would now require any further notice for furnishing that information.

Mr. SPEAKER.—When the Honourable Minister says that he wants notice.....

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—It is for the Hon'ble Speaker to decide in view of this definite question whether any other question is necessary for furnishing that information.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾಲಾವ ಕಾಶ ಬೇಕು. ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆಜ್ಞೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Will the Hon'ble Minister place the relevant Government Orders on the table of this House?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I would like to have time to examine which of those orders relate to these recommendations.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Is there any Government Order passed to effect savings which does not cover the recommendations made by the Economy Officer?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Quite. We are anxious to effect as many retrenchments as possible.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—When can we have these Government Orders on the table of this House?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—After due notice.

Sri T. MADIAH GOWDA (Bangalore District—General).—Can we take it that in implementing the several recommendations made by Sri B. S.

Raghavendra Rao the efficiency in any department is not likely to suffer?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Certainly. That is one of the paramount considerations.

Sri T. MADIAH GOWDA.—May I know how many persons in Government service are thrown out so far by implementing these recommendations?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That question has been answered more than once. I cannot answer specifically the number of persons who have been thrown out on account of these recommendations.

Sri T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Can we take it that more of the menials rather than people in gazetted ranks are thrown out by implementing these recommendations?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The presumption is altogether incorrect.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDA (Mandya District—General).—Are these Government Orders not published in the official Gazette?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Why not? Some of them may have been published.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDA.—Is it not usual that Government Orders are published in the official Gazette?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I should think so.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDA.—Is there any need for placing all these Government Orders on the table once again?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The answer is obvious.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN (Chikmagalur *cum* Shimoga-Muslim).—What are the considerations that prompted the Government to appoint the Economy Officer?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The terms of reference and objectives have all been published.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Have all those considerations and objectives been fully kept in view in the report of the Economy Officer? What is the opinion of Government in this matter?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I think he has done an exceedingly good job. He has kept those objectives in view anyway when he made the recommendations.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—How big is the report? (*Laughter*).

(No Answer.)

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—How many pages does it run to?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—I wanted to know whether it deals with all the officers of the departments or their salaries and what the recommendations are in respect of them. That is what led me to put that question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Hon'ble Member may put a question.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Does the report deal with all the departments?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Practically all. I cannot say whether it might have omitted some departments.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Is the reduction of salaries in the case of officers.....

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Again the Hon'ble Member is trying to elicit a matter which is contained in the report.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Is it not groping in the dark to put questions not knowing what the recommendations are?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Obviously.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question.

Loss in income on the transfer of certain Departments to Central Government.

Q.*—34. **Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Chitaldrug District—General)—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the Departments proposed to be taken over by the Central Government subsequent to 26th January 1950;

(*b*) the income that this Government loses on such transfers?

A.—**Sri H. C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(*a*) Railways, Income-tax, Excise Duties, Defence, Joint-Stock Companies, Trade Marks, Patents and Designs,